[*Translation*]

Persons Speaking Languages and Dialects

2142. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the figures of population speaking various languages and dialects have been collected as per the instructions issued to the enumerators for 1991 Census in this regard;

(b) if so, the number of persons speaking Maithili and other languages, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the time by which those figures are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Information regarding mother tongue and two other languages known has been collected for each individual enumerated in the 1991 Census in all States and Union Territories, except Jammu and Kashmir where the 1991 Census has not been conducted.

(b) and (c) The processing and tabulation of data collected in the 1991 Census is in progress. The number of speakers of mother tongue/languages based on the 1991 Census is likely to be available by 1993-94.

[*English*]

Construction of Staff Quarters for P&T Employees in Orissa

2143. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the Government's policy on providing staff quarters to employees of the Departments of Posts and Telecommunications in the urban and rural areas of the country:

(b) the number of staff quarters available to both the Departments separately in Orissa upto March 31, 1991; and

(c) the number of staff quarters under construction/proposed to be constructed in the near future in Orissa along with their locations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The policy followed by the Departments of Posts and Telecommunications in this matter respectively is as under:

(A) *Department of Posts*: The policy of this Department is to ensure satisfaction levels to about 15% to the extent resources permit. The transferable categories are given priority. The actual construction programme is subject to availability of funds and lands.

(B) *Department of Telecommunications*: The Government policy is to make provision of staff quarters of about 20% of total staff strength in Telecom Department in 8th Plan. Suitable priority be given for construction of houses in large towns in categories A, B1, B2 & C as classified for purpose of HRA and also in case of new project areas, difficult stations and hilly and tribal regions where private housing is not available.

(b) The Department-wise number of staff quarters available in Orissa Circle upto March 31, 1991 is as under:—

(1) Department of posts .	704
(2) Department of Telecom . . . (including 74 rented quarters)	962

(c) The Department-wise number of staff quarters under construction/